



SCALBY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

REPORT
of the
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

For the year 1938.

Council Offices,

May 1939.

B.G. Forman,

Medical Officer of
Health.

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To The Chairman & Members of the
SCALBY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report
for the year 1938.

Death Rate. 10.9 per 1000 population, there being 30 males
and 21 females.

Birth rate 14.8 per 1000 population being a reduction on the
previous year of 3.38 per 1000 population.
40 male and 28 female births were registered, one
being illegitimate.

Still Birth. 14.7 per 1000 births.

Infantile
Mortality. 75 per 1000 births, five infants being under one
year of age.

Infectious
Diseases 14 cases of scarlet fever and 3 Erysipelas.

Disinfection. 29 Houses were disinfected, being 26 houses after
notifiable infectious disease and 3 after illness
from other causes.

Drainage. The drainage to new properties has been continued
satisfactorily and generally builders have endeavoured
to provide good class workmanship and materials.
Approximately 3,000 lin. yards of drains have been
tested.

Sewerage. There still remains the question of sewerage to
certain properties, namely, Station Road and Barmoor
Road which in the light of health and modern sanitary
methods should receive the earliest attention and
consideration of the council. The further report on
the question of the main sewerage system should not be
delayed.

Water Supply. Throughout the year the water supply was maintained
by purchasing in bulk from the Borough of Scarborough
Corporation to the extent of 4,912,000 gallons.
The Councils own supply was reduced somewhat by
discarding one source from which possible contamination
might arise, namely the overflow from Suffield Ram.
Frequent analysis of the remaining water, protected as
it is, shows it to be of good bacterial quality and
free from excretal pollution and suitable for
drinking purposes.

I am informed that the new waterworks borehole has
been tested and that an adequate supply of water
has been obtained therefrom and the analysis shows a
high standard of purity, whilst chemically it is
equally good. The new additional storage and works
generally will provide an adequate supply for many
years to come.

Slaughter houses The Cooperation of the proprietors of the slaughter
houses continues. Regular inspections have been
made. continued...

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Slaughter houses.	187 Beasts, 885 sheep, 128 pigs, 3 calves, were slaughtered during 1938 within the Urban district.
<u>Butcher shops.</u>	General cleanliness of these premises is very good and there has been no single case for complaint.
<u>Carcasses destroyed.</u>	During the year one beast, one sheep and one pig were surrendered, the former was definitely a bad tuberculosis case, the sheep had suffered injury from some cause unknown and the flesh was badly contused and the pig had inflammation of lungs and intestines, the flesh being infected. In each case the owner surrendered the animals freely and each carcase was destroyed.
<u>Factories & Workshops.</u>	No action was called for during the inspection of these premises.
<u>Farms, dairies, milkshops & cowsheds.</u>	Regular and frequent inspections were made throughout the year and no action on the part of the Council or its officers was necessary. The two graded farms continue to be very good.
<u>Housing.</u>	The need for lower rented houses of the type erected by the Council in Moor Lane is still great. I understand that suitable land is now available to meet this requirement and the Council should proceed as quickly as possible in this direction. The rents of the privately constructed houses are far too high for the working classes to pay.
<u>Housing Acts.</u>	Seven special inspections have been made.
<u>Nuisances.</u>	Nine informal notices were served and in each case the nuisance was abated without recourse to further action.
<u>Food.</u>	As previously reported the North Riding County Council officers continue to procure food samples, no communication having been received on this subject.
<u>Antenatal & Welfare Centre.</u>	The Clinic commenced in December 1937 and during the year under review an average attendance of 30 mothers per month has been maintained, with a total of 359 cases, of which 23 were antenatal. The Clinic has distributed milk and cod liver oil during the year to necessitous cases and has done a considerable amount of improvement in the health of those concerned. I am very grateful for the kind help given me by Dr. Dorothy Ellison.
<u>Camping.</u>	There was a marked improvement on the camping permitted at specified farms during the year and the number of persons using trailer vans and tents was less than in 1937, whilst the standard of cleanliness was higher. No case of infectious disease was met with on any of the camping sites.
<u>Air Raid Precautions.</u>	Classes in First Aid and Anti-gas training were held regularly and keen interest was displayed by those attending. The classes are being continued. A course of Home Nursing for ladies was well attended.

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Air Raid Precautions.

We are greatly indebted to Dr. Dorothy Ellison, Dr. Andrade-Thompson and Dr. Griffel for helping with the training.

Auxiliary Fire Service.

Eighteen Medical Examinations were made on men enrolling for this service. Ten more recruits to complete the personnel have now been obtained and examined.

In conclusion I would like to take this opportunity of thanking the Chairman & Members of the Council and the officials and the County Medical Officer of Health for their kind help throughout the year.

I am, gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

B. G. Fournier

M. D. F.

Medical Officer of Health.

<u>GENERAL STATISTICS.</u>		1938
Area (Acres)		3040
Registrar-General's estimate of resident population		4343
Estimated number of inhabited houses (end of 1938) according to Rate Books.		1800
Rateable Value	£41,550	
Sum represented by a penny rate.	£155	

HOUSING.

1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the year:-

- (1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses
inspected for housing defects under
Public Health or Housing Acts 7
- (b) Number of inspections made for the
purpose. 7
- (2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses (included
under the sub-head (1) above) which
were inspected under the Housing
Consolidated Regulations, 1925. Nil
- (b) Number of inspections made for the
purpose. Nil
- (3) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a
state so dangerous or injurious to health
as to be unfit for human habitation. Nil
- (4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of
those referred to under the preceding
sub-head) found not to be in all respects
reasonably fit for human habitation. 6
- (5) Number of houses inspected under Housing
Overcrowding Act, 1935. Nil
- (6) Number of houses recorded under Housing
Overcrowding Act, 1935. 1150

TABLE L.
CAUSES OF DEATH IN SCALBY URBAN DISTRICT, 1938.

	<u>CAUSES OF DEATH</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
ALL CAUSES		30	21
Influenza		1	
Respiratory Tuberculosis		1	1
Cancer		2	5
Heart Disease		9	6
Other Circulatory			3
Pneumonia		3	1
Other Digestive Diseases		1	
Other defined causes		6	1
Nephritis		1	1
Premature Birth			1
Diabetes		1	2
Suicide		2	
Aneurysm		1	
Peptic Ulcer		1	
Diarrhoea under 2.		1	
	Totals	30	21

